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REMARKS

The notice of allowable subject matter in Claims 2 and 4-6 is gratefully appreciated.

In an effort to expedite prosecution to a favorable conclusion, the claims have been amended to eliminate the indefiniteness raised in the outstanding Office Action and to incorporate language which was indicated in the Office Action to be directed to allowable subject matter. Reconsideration of this application in light of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The rejection of Claims 1-6 under the provisions of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, for the reasons set forth at the top of Page 2 of the outstanding Office Action, is respectfully traversed.

The preamble of each of Claims 1 and 5 has been amended to refer to a calling circuit as opposed to a called circuit, as requested in the Office Action. It is believed that this amendment removes the rejection under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112.

The rejection of Claims 1, 3 and 7, as being allegedly anticipated by either of the patents to Cooper or Yeh, is respectfully traversed.

To obviate the rejection of Claim 1, Claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form by incorporating the language thereof into Claim 1, thereby placing Claims 1 and 3 in condition for allowance. Claim 2 has been rewritten in self-contained form so as to place Claim 2 in condition for allowance.

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Claims 5 and 6 have been allowed.

Claim 7 has been amended to refer to the fact that the method is that being carried out within an integrated access device (IAD), recognized in the outstanding Office Action to be patentable subject matter, as neither of the patents to Cooper or Yeh describes the methodology called for in Claim 7.

It is also to be observed that step (b) of Claim 7 recites a determination as to whether the call routing contains a number of a respective destination circuit and to automatically access the number and automatically provide a communication path, but otherwise rout a call to the called circuit in accordance with the number thereof as dialed by the respective calling circuit. From the statements in the last paragraph on Page 2 of the outstanding Office Action, applicant has concluded that it has been recognized that these features of the invention are patentable and are not taught by either Yeh or Cooper.

With the foregoing amendments to the claims to recite subject matter which was acknowledged in the outstanding Office Action to be patentable, favorable reconsideration of this application and a Notice of Allowability of Claims 1-3, and 5-7 are respectfully requested.

Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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